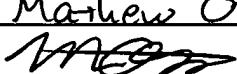


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Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows.

AMENDMENTSIn The Claims:

Cancel claims 1-36 without prejudice.

Add the following new claims:

-- 37. (New) An isolated polypeptide having at least one of the following properties:

a) the polypeptide comprises at least 10 consecutive amino acid residues encoded in any of SEQ

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ID NOs:8, 9, 1-3, 5-6, or 10; or

b) the polypeptide comprises at least 15 consecutive amino acids that are at least 80% identical to a sequence encoded in any of SEQ ID NOs:8, 9, 1-3, 5-6, or 10.